



Australian Water Polo Inc



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Annual Report



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Mission Statement

AWPI will be recognised and accepted as a successful major sporting organisation both in Australia and internationally through its astute and planned management, the performance of international teams and the presentation of water polo at all levels.

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Australian Capital Territory Water Polo Inc
Victorian Water Polo Inc
Tasmanian Water Polo Inc
South Australian Water Polo Inc
Western Australian Water Polo Inc
Northern Territory Water Polo Inc

Affiliations

Australian Water Polo Inc is affiliated to
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The purpose of this Annual Report is to report to our stake-holders — Members, Federal Government, State Governments, Australian Sports Commission, Australian Institute of Sport, Australian Olympic Committee, State Institutes of Sport and Academies, Sponsors and the Water Polo Community — our year's achievements as we strive to promote water polo at all levels.

COVER: The bronze-medal-winning Australian women's team at the World League Super Finals in Kirishi, Russia. Picture: Russell McKinnon.



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A Message from the Australian Sports Commission

The Australian Government is a strong supporter of Australian sport. The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is the government body that develops, manages and invests in sport at all levels in Australia.

The ASC funds and works closely with a range of national sporting organisations, State and local governments, schools and community bodies to ensure sport is well run and accessible so that everyone can participate and enjoy the benefits. The ASC upholds the integrity of sport through many innovative programs to promote ethical sporting practices and sport free of performance-enhancing drugs.

During 2005-06, the Australian Government, through the ASC, supported Australian Water Polo through funding of approximately \$2.2 million for the development of the sport and its continued enhancement and support at the grass-root and elite levels, including through the Australian Institute of Sport water polo program.

Following on from the success of the first ever Commonwealth Water Polo Championships held in Manchester in 2002, Australia hosted the second Commonwealth Water Polo Championships in Perth in January 2006.

The National women's team won its second Commonwealth gold medal in Perth, while the national

men's team was able to go one better than its Manchester result and make it a double gold-medal result for Australia. Congratulations to both the national men's and women's teams on the deserved results they achieved at these championships.



The Australian Institute of Sport women's water polo program is an integral part of the national women's team's preparation and will continue to play an important role in the preparation of the national team for both the 2007 World Championships in Melbourne and the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

The results of the women's team at the recent World Cup, show that the team is again on track to replicate its gold-medal performance at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

As we approach the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, the Australian Sports Commission looks forward to maintaining its strong partnership with Australian Water Polo.

Mark A Peters
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Sports Commission



► President's Report

The past year has been a very busy year. The World Championships were conducted in Montreal in August 2005 with the men's team placed 10th and the women sixth. The Championships proved an excellent building block for the Second Commonwealth Championships conducted in Perth in January 2006 where both teams won gold medals. Our coaching staff executed their duties expertly. The Commonwealth Championships were exceptionally well conducted and Australian Water Polo is indebted to the WA Sports Centre Trust and WA Water Polo Inc for their support.



The women's team also had an outstanding result in the FINA Women's World Water Polo League 2005, finishing third.

The World Junior Men's Championships were conducted in Argentina where a creditable seventh place was achieved.

Domestically, many events were conducted, including the men's and women's National Water Polo Leagues. Congratulations to the respective winning teams, Fremantle Mariners and Cronulla Sharks. Our thanks also to the Sydney University Club for its organisation of the finals week and the terrific finals presentation night.

Of significance also was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between AWPI and the NWPL in relation to our relationship. It was a very positive move in the development of our sport towards our common goal of international success.

Other competitions were held by AWPI in 14, 16, 18 and 20 years categories for male and females. There is no question that we have a base of outstanding junior athletes.

Subsequent upon the formation of the Athletes' Commission, Nathan Thomas was appointed to the Board of AWPI, which we welcome.

Acknowledgements

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge that our Patron and Life Member, Peter Montgomery, was made a Member of the Order of Australia in the Australian Awards in January 2006 — a most appropriate recognition of the lifelong contribution that Peter has made to sport in this country and also internationally as an athlete, official and administrator.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Australian Sports Commission and Australian Institute of Sport, the State Institutes and Academies and

the constituent member State Associations. We also acknowledge and thank our various sponsors, including Stanwell Corporation, QANTAS, Turbo and Mikasa.

Thanks to our hardworking staff, led by our Executive Director John Whitehouse. Every one of our people works with an obvious love of our sport and with great diligence.

Peter Kerr

President

► Secretary General's Report

Governance and Management

The Board met on five occasions during the period of review.

Directors	Present	Apology
Peter Kerr	5	-
Leanne Barnes	5	-
John Birch	5	-
Robert Gronow	5	-
Tom Hoad	4	1
Chris Mackay	4	1
Nathan Thomas	3	1
Officers		
John Whitehouse	5	-
David Marks	5	-
Peter Hobday	4	1

• Please note Nathan Thomas was appointed as the Athletes' Commission's Director during the period.

The addition of an Athletes' Commission Director was a significant step and clearly will assist in addressing issues that the athletes may wish to draw to the attention of the Board.

The Board during the period twice reviewed the progress against the sport's Strategic Plan and has instituted an appropriate continuing review process.

The meetings of the Board have as indicated previously very much been amended to reflect the sport's Strategic and Operational Plans with reports being prepared and documented into the respective focus areas.

Following a review of the financial reporting procedures the Annual Accounts have also for the first time been presented to reflect the focus areas identified in the Strategic and Operational Plans.





An exhaustive consultation process with clubs was undertaken with the management of the National Water Polo League, which resulted in an agreed Memorandum of Understanding between the National League clubs and Australian Water Polo Inc, which undoubtedly will become a cornerstone for the management and future of the sport's elite domestic competition.

Administration

The review by the Association's Auditors and Directors resulted in additional support (part-time) being directed to the financial management sector within the National Office during 2004-2005; this undoubtedly has assisted in management of our debtors and creditors ledgers.

Competition

International

The national women's team's third placing in the 2005 FINA Women's World League was the highlight of our national teams' overseas performances; the team could have been considered most unlucky not to have played off in the final only just being defeated by Russia in the preliminary round under questionable circumstances.

The national men's team's 10th placing at the FINA World Championships was disappointing and particularly the final game against Germany as up until then the performances against all teams had been quite encouraging.

Our national junior teams toured Europe during the 2005 northern summer with both junior men's and junior women's team enjoying considerable success (full details appear later in the Annual Report); clearly the results of the junior men's team reflect the importance and influence that the AIS men's program had on the development of these athletes.

The performance of the youth boys' team, which also toured Europe, showed encouraging signs for the future of the men's program and the girls' team hosted a very successful international event in Sydney, Australia.

Domestic

National League

The National League in 2006 saw 23 teams (11 men's and 12 women's) participate in the elite domestic competition.

The finals series provided many excellent games with both grand finals going into a third and deciding game; congratulations to Fremantle Mariners (men) and Cronulla Sharks (women) on winning their respective competitions.

It would be inappropriate not to mention Sydney University Lions and their endeavours in hosting the finals series, which culminated in a superb evening at

Sydney University with in excess of 400 in attendance; finally congratulations and well done to Peter Hobday (Operations Manager) who undertook the management of the National League following the resignation of long-standing incumbent Noel Harrod in late December; Noel's outstanding contribution to the National League was recognised by a special award at the finals function held at Sydney University.

National Championships

Congratulations to the following gold medallists:

14 & Under Boys (Club)	Wests (NSW)
14 & Under Girls (Club)	Drummoyne (NSW)
16 & Under Boys	New South Wales
16 & Under Girls	New South Wales
18 & Under Boys (Club)	KFC Breakers (QLD)
18 & Under Girls (Club)	Cronulla (NSW)
20 & Under Men	New South Wales
20 & Under Women	New South Wales
Country Men	New South Wales A
Country Women	New South Wales A

Programs

AIS Men's Program

The AIS men's program concluded in November 2005, ending a 20-year association of men's water polo with the AIS.

The outstanding performances of our national junior men's team in Europe during July and August reflected the influence of the AIS in the development of the athletes at this age group and the association will surely be missed.





AIS Women's Program

This very successful decentralised program continued under the able management and control of Greg McFadden.

The program continues to be a combined AIS women's squad/national women's squad program. However, scholarships are now reviewed at six-monthly intervals, which maintains greater control over the performance of the athletes in the program.

National Training Centres and Elite Development Centres

The sport continues to operate five National Training Centres and Elite Development Centres with the support of the State Institutes and Academies of Sport; relationships managed and co-ordinated through Joint Management Committees (JMCs) are integral elements in supporting the elite athlete pathway and the work of the respective coaches is acknowledged, namely: Simon Daley/Aleksandr Osadchuk (QAS), Les Kay/Mark Hubbard/Ryan Moar (NSWIS), Sharyn Gist/Kelly Gruber (ACTAS), Greig Richardson (VIC), Eddie Denis (SAS) and Andrei Kovalenko and Simone Hankin (WAIS).

High Performance Program

During the course of the year a change in the management and co-ordination of the high performance programs occurred with David Marks assuming additional responsibilities, which saw him released from his role with the men's high performance program.

The Australian Sports Commission's Beijing Athlete Program (BAP) also was reviewed with the introduction of a two-tiered process, namely the establishment of Operational BAP Management Committees and Strategic BAP Management Committees, the latter involving an ASC Board Member and Mark Peters, Chief Executive Officer ASC.

Participation Program

An updated Member Protection Policy (MPP) and the completion of the NCAS Level 3 Coaching Course syllabus were just some of the tasks undertaken by Scott Schweickle in his role as National Development Manager. Scott has been quite prolific in his production of materials and workbooks aimed at participation and education.

Partners in Water Polo

Australian Sports Commission

The Australian Sports Commission continues to be the main supporter of water polo, allocating \$1,534,000 towards the sport's high performance programs and \$65,000 for water polo's participation programs.

The national women's program was the recipient of an additional grant of \$50,000 to assist in its participation at the Super Finals of the FINA Women's



Water Polo World League. In addition, athletes within the program received \$178,000 under the Australian Government Sports Training Grant (AGSTG).

Australian Institute of Sport

While the relationship with the AIS has been somewhat strained as a result of the decision to terminate the AIS men's program, the sport has enjoyed a good relationship with the AIS for many years with our "flagship" program now the very successful AIS women's decentralised program.

It is important the sport do everything possible to have a men's program reintroduced as a crucial element to the elite athlete pathway for men in our sport.

Australian Olympic Committee

The Australian Olympic Committee has continued to support our national men's and women's international program in 2005-2006 by way of an international competition grant of \$108,000, which was vital in providing the so necessary additional international competition opportunities for our teams.

Sports Institutes and State Academies of Sport

The relationship between our sport and the



respective Institutes and State Academies of Sport (SIS/SAS) is governed under agreements administered by Joint Management Committees (JMCs) comprising representatives of the respective SIS/SAS, State Sporting Organisation (SSO) and AWPI.

The sport has agreements with the following: Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS), New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS), Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS), South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) and the Australian Capital Territory of Sport (ACTAS).

Stanwell

Once again we are grateful to the Stanwell Corporation for its continued support of the national women's program.

The relationship is now in its fourth year and the support has been significant in delivering increased opportunities of training and competition for our athletes.

Qantas, Our Official Carrier

The sport is entering the 25th year of its relationship with Qantas, a relationship that has clearly benefited both groups through the years.

Turbo

The Association has now entered into an exclusive arrangement with Turbo (Crotton, SA), which has become our supplier in the outfitting of our national teams.

Also, the AWPI is now the sole agent for all Turbo products in Australia and New Zealand.

Mikasa

Mikasa Sports Australia has renewed its sponsorship relationship with water polo as the preferred water polo ball for all competitions; this relationship has also been negotiated to again include all State Associations.

Acknowledgements

In closing, it is appropriate to acknowledge the contribution made by staff and volunteers to the Association.

The Operations Manager, Peter Hobday, who has worked so closely with the State Associations on developing and refining the database system, in addition to overseeing the successful conduct of our national competitions; Peter as previously mentioned also took on the role as General Manager of the National Water Polo League — not an easy task but undertaken admirably.

To David Marks for his acceptance to a change in role, which without doubt will be of benefit to the sport in the long term.

The National Development Manager, Scott Schweickle, for his continued endeavours in producing and updating a host of participation and educational resources; Russell McKinnon, National

Media Manager for his reporting of our sport and the continual "stream" of media releases.

The National League has already been mentioned but it is appropriate to acknowledge Noel Harrod's commitment to the sport in 10 years in his role as General Manager, a role relinquished in December 2005.

To all national coaches and respective team managers, thank you for the work done with our teams domestically and internationally.

I would also like to make special mention of the committed role and dedicated work of the governing board and, in particular, to Peter Kerr, the President, for what could only be considered to be an outstanding contribution during a most difficult year; Peter's ability and willingness to make time and resources available whenever asked never ceases to amaze.

Finally, to Glen Ransley, Julia Annells and Denis Kerslake, thank you for all your work and support during the year.

John Whitehouse

Secretary General

► High Performance Report

Current Situation

High Performance Plan Summary

The current High Performance Program for men is a decentralised National Training Centre-based program with centres in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney supported by the SIS/SAS network and Elite Development Centres in Adelaide and Canberra supported by the SIS/SAS network and a centre in Melbourne.

The athletes attending the centres in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney are generally national senior or junior squad members. Further, as an initiative to help overcome the void caused by the untimely loss of the AIS residential men's program for 16–18 year-olds. The New South Wales Institute of Sport, together with New South Wales Water Polo Inc and Australian Water Polo Inc, is running as a trial pilot program a Youth Development Group for male athletes in the 16–18 years old age group. This program commenced in 2006. Should this program prove to be successful it is envisaged that similar programs will be trialed in other centres.

- A number of men's national team athletes play in professional leagues overseas.
- The responsibility to continue to assist in the imple-





mentation and management of the documented AWPI High Performance Plan as it applies to the men's national team programs (men, junior and youth) was withdrawn from this position midway through this term of report.

- The Women's High Performance Program is again a decentralised National Training Centre and Elite Development Centre-based program utilising the same centres as the men's program. However, the AIS involvement is as a camps-based program, which permits the national squad to train together under ideal circumstances. The athletes attending the centres in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney are again generally national senior or junior squad members.
- A number of female athletes have in the past played professionally overseas.
- The NTCs are supported by underpinning programs by member associations.
- Water Polo continues to achieve remarkable success in international junior and senior competition. The High Performance Program has created a depth of talent indicated by international results.

Future Directions and Opportunities

The following highlights Australian Water Polo Inc's forward High Performance direction:

- It is proposed to continue to fund for the period 2005-2009 the NTCs in Brisbane, Perth and Sydney financed by funds from the HP budget. It is considered that the centres in the other States are developmental centres and it is proposed to re-train these centres, but for AWPI to fund at the existing level from sources other than the HP budget.
- It is proposed to continue the AIS camps-based women's program.
- As previously indicated, a trial (Youth Development Group) is being conducted with the expectation that this format will be implemented in other centres.

Impacts and Challenges

- There is concern about being able to retain senior athletes in the program post 2005/06.
- Being able to provide access to coaching programs for all national squad athletes.
- Continuing uncertainty regarding ability to have a men's program reinstated to the AIS.
- A need to create an acceptable coaching infrastructure for sub-elite coaches.
- Developing referees to world standard.
- While AWPI has an excellent working relationship with our SIS/SAS partners and, in fact, has entered into agreements with our partners in accordance with a template developed in conjunction with the National Elite Sporting Council and our sport, the Victorian Institute of Sport continues to exclude water polo from its programs, despite repeated attempts by the sport for inclusion.

Key Changes

- Alteration of existing NTC Program.
- Creation of Development Elite Program.
- Strengthen National Leagues.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of AWPI, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank national senior, junior, girls and youth coaches, assistant coaches (where applicable), managers, support staff, AIS coaches and support staff and the National Training Centre coaches and the SIS/SAS network for their dedication to their various tasks.

David Marks

High Performance Manager

► Operations Report

Some of the issues that have been addressed by the Operations Manager during the year, July 2005 to June 2006, include:

Database

Five State Associations are now "live" with the National Database, providing accurate membership data while also giving comprehensive competition results and statistics. This software is used at national championships and for the National Water Polo League to deliver results and statistics in very quick time after games have concluded. More than half a million hits have been made on the results site.

It is pleasing to see the State Association execu-





tive officers exchanging information so freely and I thank them for their cooperation.

Insurance

Insurance cover for its members, clubs and associations includes:

- Sports Injury
- Public Liability
- Professional Indemnity
- Workers' Compensation
- Directors' and Officers' Liability
- Travel Insurance

National Championships

A full cycle of championships was completed during this reporting period. Perth, Western Australia, hosted the 16 & Under championships at the Challenge Stadium, which saw New South Wales defeat Queensland in both boys' and girls' gold-medal games. The 20 & Under men's and women's championships were conducted in Brisbane, Queensland, at the Valley and Musgrave Pools where both titles were won by New South Wales. Difficulties in securing pool time in Melbourne following the Commonwealth Games meant that Tasmanian Water Polo again hosted the 14 & under club championships. Entries from WA, NSW, and Victoria joined the host. Wests won the boys' championship and Drummoyne the girls' title. The final event for the year was the 18 & under club championships scheduled for Perth, however, this was eventually held in Brisbane. Cronulla won the girls' title while local team KFC Breakers won gold in the boys.

Thank you to the staff and volunteers of the State Associations who have worked so hard in organising these championships and undertaking various roles during the championships. You have all been superb hosts.

This year my role has been supported by volunteer "technical coordinators" who have organised referees and other officials, without whom the championships would not run so smoothly. The referees who have given their time to officiate at these championships are to be applauded, as they are an integral part of the water polo community. Thank you.

Sports Development Foundation

The 2004 Annual Conference agreed to the establishment of a Sports Development Foundation. AWPI is investigating the most advantageous means of implementing the scheme.

Governance, Policies & Procedures

A comprehensive 2005-06 Operations Plan reflecting the AWPI's Strategic Plan was developed and the general ledger revamped to reflect the activities within that plan. This has been a dramatic change in procedures with each of the focus area managers responsible for their particular area. In turn, focus

area reports are presented to the AWPI Board to provide up-to-date, activity-based information, in addition to financial information.

Acknowledgements

My thanks to Glen Ransley (who has worked hard to implement the changes in financial monitoring), Julia Annells, Scott Schweickle, David Marks, Russell McKinnon and Noel Harrod for their support. It is a pleasure to work with these people. Lastly, thank you to John Whitehouse for his support, friendship and encouragement.

Peter Hobday

Operations Manager

► Development Report

The development of any sport is important and Australian Water Polo (AWPI) understands the requirement to have suitable development programs in place supporting its ongoing and future structure.

Without the funding of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) we would not be able to provide many basic services and for this I would like to thank the ASC for its support, input and guidance during the past 12 months.



Schools' Program

A new Secondary Schools' Program has been in development for some time now. This new resource has been developed jointly with the ASC Junior Sport Development Unit, The ASC Schools' network and the Australian Council for Physical Education & Recreation (ACHPER). The new Secondary Schools' Program contains role cards, lesson plans, modified games, activity cards and all the information needed to conduct a program in a 10-week school term. This new program has been trialed in some schools in South Australia and feedback from these schools





has been positive. This feedback is now being utilised to provide a final draft, which will be then forwarded to relevant stakeholders within our community.

Coach-Officials' Education

Coach

NCAS Level 1

Several courses are now being conducted in all States with uniform coach education resources provided to all State Associations.

NCAS Level 2

The NCAS Level 2 course has been under construction for some time and has almost reached completion. The reason for this delay was due to the lack of current material that was available and it has taken some time to combine these resources into a workable format. I am pleased to report that the NCAS Level 2 Coaching Course will be conducted between January-June 2007. State Associations will be advised. It is envisaged that the course will be conducted over four days.

NCAS Level 3

The new NCAS Level 3 Coaching Syllabus has now been submitted to the ASC for final approval. Once approved work will then commence on the production of new course resources to present and assess applicants who undertake the course. The NCAS Level 3 will cover the following modules: professional issues, physiology, medical issues, strength training, water polo team and individual video analysis, pedagogy, sports psychology, planning, management and development, travel and coaching practice. The NCAS Level 3 is targeted at NWPL/NTC coaches.

Accreditation

During the year some States have started addressing the need to ensure that people who have taken on the role of coaching a team are properly qualified. The Recognition of Prior Learning (NCAS Level 1) policy was introduced last year to provide an opportunity for people who want to take on a coaching role and may have previous experience but don't have the time to complete the two-day course for Level 1 status. I encourage all members who coach, to make sure, that they are properly qualified.

Many coaches in the past have let their qualifications lapse. This may have occurred due to a change in personal address of the coach and the coach not notifying the ASC that their personal details have changed. I would therefore like to request that any members who may believe that their accreditation has lapsed should make direct contact with their State body. A list of current qualified coaches is available on the AWPI Website. All you have to do is click on the development link.

Officials

The National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) Level 1 Officiating Course has been updated to address the new rules that were introduced recently.

Trained Presenters

In 2006, AWPI conducted two presenter and assessor courses. These were held in New South Wales and Queensland. More of these will be rolled out as time permits with the next courses identified for Victoria and West Australia. As part of my review of the coaching and officiating courses, we are now training presenters and assessors to undertake the conduct of the NCAS/NOAS Level 1 course in each State and Territory. This initiative will provide State Associations with the luxury of being able to use more than one presenter or assessor to conduct the course and/or assess applicants for their practical component.

Member Protection

The AWPI Membership Protection Policy has been updated to reflect new changes to child protection legislation throughout the country. Also, several procedures have been streamlined to make this document more user friendly. The new AWPI MPP is available on the AWPI website under the development link.

New Development Website

A New Development Website has been designed. The website provides information on education, community and club development, junior development, schools and kids. This is an ideal reference tool and is available to all members. Check it out under the Development link on the AWPI website.

New Initiatives

- New NCAS/NOAS Electronic Accreditation System & Procedures.
- Secondary Schools' Program
- New NCAS Level 1 Course
- New NCAS Level 3 Syllabus
- Updated Membership Protection Policy
- New AWPI Development website

Summary

In closing, I would like to thank the State Associations for working closer together to reach our goals and, in particular, the office staff of Australian Water Polo, who have been invaluable and supportive of my endeavours during 2005-06.

Scott Schweickle

National Development Manager



► Media Report

The past year saw two major highlights for media exposure — one coming with tremendous success and one with a disastrous result.

The senior women returned from Russia with the FINA World League bronze medal, gaining excellent exposure. However, the Commonwealth Championships were largely ignored by the eastern seaboard.



Despite calls to eastern media outlets, stories were not being taken up. We were told that the Commonwealth Games preparations were more important.

Generally we gain excellent coverage of international teams competing overseas. Our National League coverage is intermittent and local water polo gets scant exposure.

We need to work harder at getting the message across with constant contact with the various media, backed up by the national media office.

Commonwealth Championships

These were staged in Perth in January and gained daily stories and several pictures in the local paper, as well as television coverage. Even in Perth where water polo gets a great run, the coverage could have been much better. Like the rest of the country, the Commonwealth tag didn't seem enough to grab the imagination, despite a superb marketing campaign and the lead-up to the Commonwealth Games.

Website

The AWPI website continues to be one of the world leaders in the sport with a Google search of water polo revealing us as the No 1 site. We said last year that a revised edition would be up and running by Christmas. Circumstances did not allow this but Toby Jenkins of Bluewire Media has been engaged to get it running before this Christmas and it promises to take us into the 21st century.

National Water Polo News

This valuable production was again produced four times during the past year and the front and back cover have gone colour. Please use this publicity tool to get the message across to sponsors and water polo friends alike.

Media Releases

With more than 120 media releases being electronically deposited into 300 email boxes, including all the major sporting outlets and aquatic

journalists in the country and overseas, the information was disseminated. Follow-up phone calls during the year ensured that we were pushing the message and assisting journalists frequently.

Press Clippings

These were abundant again. It shows that many of the major papers use brief sentences on the national teams; results appear in results columns; water polo gets mentioned many times in non-water polo stories; smaller water polo centres get better coverage on youth players than bigger metropolitan areas and some centres have a better rapport with their papers.

Electronic Media

The best result here was Trent Franklin going live on Radio Grandstand for two hours on Anzac Day during the National League finals. Perth had three radio stations covering water polo with two having weekly water polo shows and the third, the ABC, having a summer Sunday sports show with a water polo segment, thanks to 1976 Olympian Paul Williams.

National League

Daily media releases when games were played kept the media abreast of the competition. The NWPL website was also updated daily with all the results and details.

National Championships

Having Peter Hobday at the championships makes my job so much easier. Results are sent out mid-afternoon each day in the hope they make the early editions of the papers. I would ask people to contact their local papers to see whether they will be carrying the results during these events. Persistence achieves results.



Thomas Whalan accepts his trophy as Commonwealth Championship MVP in Perth.



FINA Press Commission

In the past year, as a member of the FINA Press Commission, I have been to New York for World League water polo matches, Montreal for the World Championships, Belgrade and Kirishi for the Water Polo World League Super Finals, Sydney and Daejeon (Korea) for World Cup swim meets, Shanghai for the World Short Course Swimming Championships and Budapest for the FINA Men's Water Polo World Cup.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the Board for its support, John Whitehouse, Peter Hobday, Russell Small and everyone in water polo who made an effort to further the game through the media. Also to those journalists who push our cause, please keep up the good work despite the pressures of the larger and more powerful sporting codes.

Russell McKinnon

National Media Manager

► National League Report

The 2006 National Water Polo League season, the 17th, saw a change in the management structure following nearly 10 years with Noel Harrod as General Manager. Noel oversaw the development of the competition to include an expanded men's competition and the introduction of a women's roster. The League owes a vote of thanks to Noel for his commitment and dedication to the role. A total of 23 teams, 11 men and 12 women, played in 272 games at 20 venues in five States and the ACT.



A major stage in the development of the League was completed with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the League clubs and AWPI and the establishment of the National Water Polo League Commission with representation on the Board of AWPI.

Season Highlights

- Passed the 2000 games mark since the competition started in 1990.
- Fremantle Mariners played in a record 10th consecutive grand final and won their fourth men's title.
- Cronulla won the women's grand final from fifth position, the first team to achieve this in either men's or women's competition.
- Fremantle Mariners won the men's Southern Cross Trophy for the fifth time.
- Fremantle Marlins won the women's Southern

Cross Trophy for the first time.

- Trent Franklin played a record number of NWPL games — 277.
- Corporate Vehicle Management continued its association with the NWPL as the official vehicle hire organisation.
- Qantas continued its ongoing tremendous support for the NWPL.
- AWPI continued its valuable support for the NWPL.
- Australian Sports Commission again contributed to the NWPL via a grant from the high performance funds.
- Further development of the NWPL specific web site (www.nwplaus.com.au) with again great results and response.

2006 Awards

Champion men's club: Fremantle Mariners.

Champion women's club: Cronulla Sharks.

Southern Cross Trophy men: Fremantle Mariners.

Southern Cross Trophy women: Fremantle Marlins.

Charles Turner Medal (MVP men season): Sam McGregor (Sydney University Lions).

Debbie Watson Medal (MVP season): Suzie Fraser (KFC Queensland Breakers).

Tom Hoad Medal (MVP men, finals series): Laurie Trettel (Fremantle Mariners).

MVP women, finals series: Alicia McCormack (Cronulla).

John Whitehouse Medal, grand final referees: Andrew Carney, Danny Flahive, Stephen Hardy, Michael Hart, Nicola Johnson, Nick Schilling.

All Star team, men: Laurie Trettel, Ryan Moody, Craig Miller, Sam McGregor, Richard Campbell, Trent Franklin, Daniel Marsden.

All Star team, women: Taryn Woods, Suzie Fraser,





Kelly Heuchan, Mia Santoromito, Victoria Brown, Melissa Rippon, Liz Simms.

Highest goal-scorer men: Trent Franklin (Sydney University Lions) 68.

Highest goal-scorer women: Suzie Fraser (KFC Queensland Breakers) 62.

Finals series referees: Andrew Carney, Danny Flahive, Stephen Hardy, Michael Hart, Nicola Johnson, Nick Schilling, Michael McNeill, Noel Harrod and Damir Stajduhar.

NWPL Board

At the 2005 Annual NWPL Board meeting, Russell Small was re-elected as the Chairman and Denis Hamill re-elected as the Deputy Chairman. Noel Harrod was re-appointed as General Manager.

The NWPL Board, which comprises one delegate from each team (men and women), a representative of AWPI and the NWPL General Manager, met in October 2005 and March 2006 in Sydney. At these meetings the Board resolved a number of issues including:



NWPL women's champions Cronulla Sharks.



NWPL men's champions Fremantle Mariners.

- The acceptance of a Memorandum of Understanding with AWPI.
- The establishment of a five-person NWPL Commission with AWPI Board representation with the Commission comprising three NWPL Club-elected Commissioners and two nominated by AWPI.
- A split season commencing November 2006 to accommodate the 12th FINA World Championships to be held March 2007 in Melbourne.
- Continuation of the Technical Water Polo Committee to act as delegates at every NWPL match.
- Continuation of the No-Draws policy.
- Continuation of the merchandise shop on the NWPL website.

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- Damir Stajduhar, referee appointments officer.
- AWPI Board.
- David Neesham, national coach, men and Greg McFadden, national coach, women.

Peter Hobday

General Manager



► Senior Men's Report

2004 European Tour

The year started with the team in a training camp in Berlin/Brandenburg with the German national squad. This training followed on from the three-day camp with Spain in Barcelona followed by the preliminary rounds of the 2005 World League in Portugelete and Budapest.



Christian Hoad and Tom Woudwyk both returned to Australia from Budapest following injury. It was decided to confirm the remaining 13 as the World Championship team but to also bring Mitchal Ainsworth over for training for the intervening two weeks. This was a good decision as Mitchal proved very competitive in our Germany training and clearly benefited from the experience.

While the days in Berlin were not ideal from a training-coaching perspective, the players responded well to the situation. They also benefited from the opportunity to visit many historical sites and museums in Berlin between training sessions. The time at Brandenburg and the games against Germany were of much greater value. The German hosts and

locals did everything to make our stay a success.

World Championships

Next we travelled to Montreal for the World Championships and the extra days, while expensive, were good preparation for the event.

In the World Championships the team generally performed very well, winning all games expected and performing very competitively against higher-ranked opposition.

One weakness of the group was concentration lapses, usually for less than one quarter, but making the difference in the results.

The team finished 10th, the top non-European ranking in the world. Our last game against Germany was the major disappointment of the tour. Our defence generally and extra-man defence were very poor and again exhibited an inability to contain a situation. The need for a better mental discipline under pressure was the lesson I believe we all learned from this last game. In expressing this point the absolute commitment and effort of all players was great.

Following Montreal all players received feedback of my assessment of all areas of their performance. After a short break the preparation for the next season began. The emphasis on specialist centre back/centre forward play and team counter-attack ability were identified.



The Commonwealth champion men's team in Perth.



Commonwealth Championships

The next major competition for the team was the Commonwealth Championships in Perth in January 2006. This followed training camps in Perth against the Chinese team and then the Canadian team. The training in Perth was excellent and a number of junior players were exposed to competition. These included Ritchie Campbell, Nick O'Halloran and Brett McGhie. The training facilities in Perth (especially Trinity College) were excellent. Two official games were played against China with the team winning both comfortably.

The performances at the Commonwealth Championships were very good and the team won the gold medal convincingly from Canada, a turnaround from the narrow loss four years earlier in Manchester.

Testing

Following the Commonwealth Championships the players returned to their National League or overseas commitments for the next three months. In April a meeting of State Institute/State Academy, junior and youth coaches resulted in a move to introduce standardised testing across Australia. This first meeting foreshadows further action in this area and the positive impact and support of the coaches was greatly appreciated.

Training camps

To finish off the year a camp in Mooloolabah between QAS and NSWIS was valuable. The support of the QAS and the parents and locals was excellent. The hosting at the Mooloolabah Surf Lifesaving Club and Sylvania Waters was first class. A specialist camp was also held in Perth for centre-forwards (coached by Andrew Kerr) and goalkeepers (coached by Eddie Denis). Both coaches are to be thanked for giving their time and for producing a series of training drills that will be invaluable for these and other athletes.

Finally, a camp was held in Sydney with the USA team in the last week of June. This was the first serious game related competition most players had since the end of the National League. Without it we would have been poorly prepared for the 2006 World League. Two official games were held with the USA, both well supported by spectators.

While the team narrowly lost both games, the opportunity to give more players international exposure and present the players to our own supporters were very positive. From Sydney the team proceeded to the 2006 World League finishing fourth, again confirming our current status as the best non-European nation and making significant progress in the area of mental toughness and confidence necessary to improve our standing.

David Neesham

Head Coach

► Senior Women's Report

World League

In June, 2005 a touring squad consisting of 15 players competed in the World League rounds in La Jolla, San Diego and New York, USA. This was used as a selection process to reduce the team to 13 players for the World Championships in Montreal in late July.



During the World League rounds we had some mixed results. We competed against each team once in each city with the top four teams advancing to the World League Super Finals in Kirishi, Russia mid-August. The teams we played and our results were Greece (win and loss), Canada (two losses), USA (loss and win), Brazil (two wins) and Germany (two wins).

This qualified us in third position in our group and allowed us to advance to the finals in Kirishi.

World Championships

We then went on to the World Championships and we advanced as first in our group after comfortable wins against Germany, Brazil and Holland. However, we had to face the USA in our quarter-final match. The USA had six players backing up from their bronze-medal-winning Olympic team, compared to our four players backing up from our fourth placing.

In the game against the USA the players were overawed by the occasion and weren't mentally prepared for the USA to begin so physically, which allowed it to jump to an early lead. We also were very hesitant in taking our opportunities when they were presented to us. I felt that we could physically match the USA and created more opportunities, but poor execution cost us as the extra-man statistics show with us scoring 3/11 and USA 4/7.

The next game was against Italy, the current Olympic Champion with its team virtually unchanged from the Olympics. In what proved to be a very physical and brutal encounter where we received very little help from particularly one European referee, we won 10-9. This was a tremendous performance by the team.

For our fifth-placing game against Greece I don't think we were once again mentally prepared for it and although we took them to 8-8 and forced extra time we went down by two goals.

The positive coming from the tournament was that we matched it with all the top teams in the world considering the relatively inexperienced team that we had. Apart from the USA, the other countries were all seasoned national teams who had been playing together for a while with little changes from



their 2004 Olympic teams.

I also feel that the areas we have been working on, such as our strength, has really improved and this showed with no teams physically dominating us, but our inexperience and lack of consistency were the main reasons we did not finish higher. This area we have only really just started to scrape the surface but it shows we are heading down the right track.

World League Super Finals

We then came back to Australia where we made seven changes to the World Championship squad and headed to Greece for a training camp prior to the World League Super Finals. These changes were in line with my policy of trying to strengthen the depth of senior international experience and creating a competitive environment for positions within the squad.

Our first game was against Russia in front of a packed, parochial crowd. The game was played at a frenetic pace with the Russians scoring the final goal to force the game into a penalty shootout. However, we could not capitalise and lost the match 14-13.

Next was the USA and we had to win to have any chance of making the finals. We started strongly and traded goals until we were able to take a 7-5 lead to halftime. We went behind but grabbed two late goals for a 9-8 lead. The final quarter saw us hang on



Mel Rippon receiving her trophy as the MVP of the Commonwealth Championships in Perth.

to win 11-10. We then beat the Netherlands 12-6 with a below-par performance.

We needed USA to beat Russia in the last game in normal play for us to go through to the gold-medal match, but unfortunately for us Russia won in a penalty shootout, which left us to play Hungary for the bronze medal. We led 4-3 going into the last quarter. Two more goals to start the final quarter and



The Commonwealth champion women's team in Perth.



the game was won and the bronze medal attained.

The Hungarians scored in their first attack of the game and their last attack of the game. For the 31 minutes in between we only allowed two goals against the strongest shooting team in the world, one of the best counter-attack teams in the world and the world champion.

It was a fantastic performance and I don't think any one in the world would have beaten us on this day.

NTC Challenge

After a brief break and gradual return to full training incorporated with some cross training, the girls were starting to prepare for the Inaugural NTC Challenge in November, which consisted of a week of games between WAIS, QAS, NSWIS and a Composite team.

This was preceded by the EDC challenge consisting of teams from Victoria, South Australia, ACT and New South Wales 2. From the EDC challenge 28 girls were selected to stay on at the AIS for a week-long training camp to select the Composite team to play in the NTC Challenge.

NSW 2 won the EDC challenge while NSWIS won the NTC Challenge.

Commonwealth Championships

After the NTC Challenge we selected 28 players to stay on for a training camp in which we selected the squad for the Commonwealth Championships. We had a five-day training camp at the AIS in January prior to the championships with the Canadians.

After convincing wins in games against Singapore, South Africa and Scotland, we had closer, but comfortable, wins against Canada, New Zealand and England, leaving us in first place after the rounds. We then beat England in the semifinals and Canada 11-4 to retain the Commonwealth title.

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- And, finally to the athletes who have shown a great commitment to the program and are willing to make huge personal sacrifices, share the dream and try to fulfill their potential in our quest for Olympic Gold.

Greg McFadden

Head Coach

► Junior Men's Report

The tour late last year consisted of three parts. The first part was the training camp in Perth and Singapore. The second part was the six-nation tournament in Herceg Novi (SCG), six-nation tournament in Split (CRO) and joint training camp with the Spanish junior national team in Barcelona (Spain). The third part was the Junior World Championships in Mar del Plata, Argentina.



Perth Camp

The training camp in Perth was the first stage of preparation for the World Championships. All morning sessions were fitness and skills preparation while all afternoon trainings were physical preparation (weights) and new rules practise. During this training camp we played two official training games against UWA Torpedoes and the WA State team.

Singapore Camp

From the first day we started our preparation for the following tournaments in Europe. Morning trainings consisted of tactical and technical preparation (extra-man attack, defence, zone defence, counter-attacking skills etc) followed by strength and conditioning training in the pool weights room and/



The junior men's team at the World Championships in Mar Del Plata, Argentina.

or swimming sessions. Evening trainings consisted of the games versus the Singaporean national team, gaining solid wins.

SCG Tournament

The team arrived in Serbia and Montenegro two days before the tournament from Singapore. For the first day's training we did not have a pool provided so we trained for one and a half hours in the sea.

In this tournament we played for the first time under new rules. We rested two of the 15 players on a rotation system, to enable all players to have consistent water time.

Many positives came out of this tournament, including all players gaining valuable international experience through consistent water time at a very high level. Our video analysis of our possible opposition we might encounter at the Junior World Championships provided excellent for future game strategies.

Croatian Tournament

We arrived two days before the tournament and we trained four times to try to adjust our game for the upcoming matches.

During this tournament the players adjusted to



the game plan and improved significantly against the top six nations in the world at this age group. The improvement was such that we finished third behind Serbia & Montenegro and Croatia.

After the tournament ended we spent the following two days in Split. During this time we played two scrimmage matches against the Croatian junior team.

Spanish Training Camp

This training camp consisted of morning sessions on our own doing swimming fitness and skills trainings. The afternoons saw joint training sessions with the Spanish junior team, which was without five of its number through European Champions League commitments.

World Championships

Unfortunately we arrived one day before the championships began and with jetlag, which was not the ideal preparation for a World Championships.

The boys had some excellent games as well as some poor performances. However, the poor performances were mainly due to missed opportunities in not being able to convert goals when chances arose. The statistics show that we missed about seven to eight certain goals per match due to poor shooting skills. The game plan was executed by the players very well, however. Individual player mistakes and poor conversion rate of goals cost us games which we could have won had we converted these opportunities.

In summary, the team finished seventh, which was disappointing as we believe we were a better team than this and could have finished top four.

Conclusion

I would like to thank Australian Water Polo Inc for the opportunity to coach the team at the Junior World Championships.

Andrei Kovalenko

Head Coach

► Junior Women's Report

European Tour

The following girls were chosen to tour Europe following the 2005 National League Finals: Nicole Dyson (Co-Capt), Patrice O'Neill (Co-Capt), Jenna Santoromito, Holly Lincoln-Smith, Danielle Bower, Elysha O'Neill, Jana Leissmann, Jo Whitehorn, Yasmin Schmid, (NSW); Sarah Mills, Cassie Grayson, Kayla Bryce (QLD); Glencora Ralph, Leah Neilsen (WA); Rowena Webster (VIC).





The tour commenced with a training camp in Athens with the Greeks for five nights.

We then travelled to Madrid, Spain for the Spanish Cup with Greece, Italy and Spain.

We defeated Greece 8-1, Spain 11-1 and then Italy 11-5 to win the tournament. Nicole Dyson won MVP, Elysha O'Neill best goalkeeper and twin Patrice the highest-scorer award.

The train trip via Barcelona to Rapallo, Italy took its toll with half of the team falling sick.

We defeated the Netherlands 11-8 in the first game but were no match for Russia, going down 7-12 in game two. Italy turned the tables on us in the final match with an 8-7 victory.

Training Camp

The only other activity undertaken since the tour was a training camp conducted in Brisbane in January following the National Junior Championships.

Acknowledgement

Once again Julie Hamill has done a wonderful job as manager.

Bruce Falson

Head Coach

► Youth Boys' Report

European Tour

The national youth boys contested two European tournaments in Slovakia and Italy in July 2005, finishing a creditable third place in both events. The squad of 15 players included 11 of last year's touring party, with four new players — Nick O'Halloran, Rhys McKinnon, Daniel Lawrence from WA and Joel Dennerley from NSW joining the squad. For Rhys, Daniel and Joel this was their first international water polo experience, while Nick was returning from a one-year absence due to scholastic studies.



Kosice Tournament

The first tournament was an eight-nation event in Kosice, the second-largest city in Slovakia. The eight teams were split into two groups of four, with Australia finding itself with Japan, USA and Slovakia, while the other group consisted of France, Slovenia, Italy and Hungary.

While third place was a good result, it was extremely disappointing to have dropped a very winnable game in extra time to lose the chance of playing off for the tournament gold medal. There were,

however, many positives to arise from the tournament, notably this team tasting its first international victories after coming close in a number of games last year. We were able to catch a few teams by surprise with our strong counter-attack game, which set up some big attacking scorelines, especially in the first three games.

The press defence executed throughout the entire tournament was very effective and no team scored more than six goals against us in regular time, which met our game plan aim of keeping teams to around this total. Richie Campbell was the stand-out Australian player at this tournament, displaying excellent centre-back play and inflicting major damage on the scoreboard in attack.

Acireale Tournament

We then ventured to Acireale in Sicily to contest a six-nation tournament. The format of this was a round-robin style, with all teams meeting each other during the four days. Despite there being less teams than were present in Slovakia, the competition was definitely stronger with highly ranked European teams Serbia, Croatia and Greece, joining Italy, France and Australia.

Third place in such a highly ranked tournament was a terrific result, not only for our own satisfaction, but also in the eyes of the European water polo community.

Many appreciative comments were passed on the high standard and level of skill that the team exhibited. However, I believe the major positive to come out of the tournament was the belief the players found in their ability and more importantly the belief that no matter the situation, they were capable of winning every game. After humiliating Italy in front of a very vocal home crowd, the confidence the boys gained helped to smash any of the mental barriers or fears they may have held about competing against the traditionally strong European nations.

The most valuable Australian player for this tournament as determined by the management was Joel Dennerley, who performed superbly in goals in the three games he started as keeper (John Hahn played the other two). The tournament MVP, however, went to Richie Campbell, who backed up his strong performance in Kosice with another fine display, especially in playing the centre-back role.

Nathan Cargill was voted the Australian MVP of the tour, with a strong workhorse effort that did not drop off throughout the entire tour. His efforts provided us with a constant avenue to goal in attack and he was not intimidated by the size or reputation of the opposition.

AIS Program Termination

It is a great shame that the Australian Sports Commission has seen fit to terminate the AIS men's water



polo program, especially when the results of this tour are taken into account. It is ironic that other European nations, France (also a big improver in this age group) and Greece in particular, are setting up junior training programs based upon our model, and we are dismantling it. We may find ourselves heading the way of the Americans, who have drastically reduced the training opportunities for this age group, to a maximum of two group sessions per week. The results speak for themselves and their team management expressed disbelief that we could be heading down a similar path.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge Michael Weiner, who in his role as team manager was able to coordinate the tour and ensure there were minimal disruptions for the boys. His meticulous match reporting provided a valuable source of information for the parents who were naturally keen to hear of their sons' progress and welfare.

I would also like to express gratitude to AWPI for giving these players and myself the opportunity to experience international competition and their vested interest in the development of the future national team players.

John Fox
Head Coach

► Youth Girls' Report

Selection Process

The path to selection in the Crocodiles started this season in Perth at the national 16 and under championships. Over a period of six days in October 2005 players from every State were watched and evaluated by myself, Greg McFadden and Bruce Falson. At the culmination of these championships a squad of 31 players was identified as potential members of the national youth team.



The members of the squad now had three months to prepare themselves for further selection trials at the national 20 and under championships in Brisbane in January. For the first time since 2001 the youth squad was allowed to participate as a team in the junior championships. With many of the squad representing their State, 11 girls played as the Crocodiles with great success, only losing to eventual grand finalists New South Wales and Queensland.

Following the 20 and under championships the full squad, with the inclusion of two players who were outstanding in Brisbane but who hadn't played in

Perth, took part in a high-performance coaching camp. The intention of this camp was not to select players but rather to show them what was required for them to gain selection in the Crocodiles.

The final selection trials were held in Sydney following the national schools' championships. As had been the case at all the previous camps I was joined by various elite coaches who helped impart the knowledge that is so vital to these young athletes. Fifteen players were selected to become the Crocodiles of 2006.

I would like to point out the difficulty of selecting the team this year. The standard of player was so high that a number of players whose ability would have seen them selected in previous years, failed to make the team. This was very evident with the goalkeepers where all six contenders had ability to gain selection.

Our touring party consisted of 15 players, assistant coach Taryn Woods, manager Annie Hayes and myself.

New Zealand Visit

As is usual with all overseas tours where the budget is of great importance not everything was perfect. Unfortunately time did not allow us to prepare before we arrived in New Zealand for a three-test series with the Kiwi youth team. In three days we played the youth team and New Zealand junior team three times each. Given the conditions and our lack of preparation, I was extremely happy with the way the team competed.

Canadian Visit

Our plans to watch the World League semifinals in Los Angeles were extinguished when we were unable to find connecting flights to Vancouver.

Arriving in Vancouver we finally had time to train as a team and scrimmage with the Canadian youth team for seven days, before we competed in the Canadian provincial championships, with the culmination of our tour being a test against the Canadian youth team. Looking at the scores of the games will not tell the full story. Yes, we were dominant in the pool, but this team was without doubt one of the most talented groups of players I have had the pleasure to coach in the last 25 years. Its thirst for knowledge was immense and I had no problems interchanging the "starting" six during games.

Overview

Once again both Taryn and I spent a great deal of time teaching the "basics". Too many of the girls still do not have the basic skills ingrained into them. State and club coaches are trying to teach fancy moves and tactics without the players being able to master catch, pass, shoot, defend.

Centre-back defence is a skill but the lack of this skill is unfortunately covered up by using zone



defence to help 16 year olds who have no idea of what a centre back role is. The game sometimes demands a zone defence but not for the reason of covering for deficiencies in players who have never been schooled properly.

I believe I have this year been involved with a number of players who, if given the opportunity, will no doubt become Olympians in 2012. Hopefully we have in place the mechanisms to see these young women become true champions of our sport.

You will note I have not singled out any one player for to do so would take away from the TEAM that competed this year. I am hopeful that all the girls will be very proud of what they have achieved as members of the Crocodiles and as their achievements mount up they will remember with pride their time as a Crocodile.

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Phillip Bower

Head Coach

► AIS Men's Report

National League

The first major competition for the season was the National League in which the AIS Finns were contesting their third season. The performance in the National League met expectations with the Finns contesting for a finals berth all the way up until the last game. Unfortunately the team disappointingly failed to qualify for the finals series on percentage.



At the end of the regular season, the AIS Finns had won 12 games, drew two and lost 10. This was a dramatic improvement on the results of past seasons, which in part can be attributed to the return of some of the junior players for a third year, after the decision to expel the AIS program beyond 2005. Nevertheless, the team, which boasted an average age of 18 years, performed admirably in Australia's premier elite domestic competition. In a change of policy from previous seasons, all players were made available to play for their club team when opposing

the Finns, a decision which no doubt ultimately cost us a finals berth. All players also had the opportunity to play for their clubs on road trips and home games as arranged. This meant that some players had up to 16 extra games on top of the AIS fixtures, which was a great fillip for development and experience at this level.

I would like to express my thanks to the clubs of the players, for the cooperation they displayed in allowing their players to attend the AIS during the National League season.

KPIs

The AIS key performance indicator (KPI) across all sports programs is that 80% to 100% of targeted athletes accept AIS scholarships. This was not achieved, as the program was not able to fill all positions before the National League. Unfortunately, some quality athletes eligible for selection on the national Junior team (the target group) elected not to accept scholarships and they remained in their home States. Consequently, the program ran with only 17 athletes on scholarship, despite alluring offers made to numerous players. Fifteen of these 17 athletes (88%) were assessed as meeting their overall agreed individual athlete development targets throughout the year. Those two players who did not meet expectations, both suffered debilitating injuries, which prevented them from training and competing for a substantial part of the year. There was also an issue at the start of the year relating to player fitness levels and the degree of self-responsibility that some of the rehabilitating players undertook to ensure they arrived at the AIS in good condition. There was an apparent problem with athletes not training appropriately or intensely enough with their clubs or States in the lead-up to the National League season.

National Representation

Representation on national teams has met or exceeded expectations this year.

The national Youth team (17 and under) consisted of eight AIS athletes (100% of eligible AIS athletes), in the junior team (20 and under) nine out of 11 players were named and three AIS athletes were selected in the national senior squad. Two athletes also applied and were selected for the Australian University Team for the World Universiade Games.

AIS Environment

The facilities at the AIS have been well utilised for a number of training and selection opportunities with various representative teams. Both the national youth and junior selection camps were held at the AIS, providing excellent opportunities for players to stake their claims for selection under the watchful eyes of national coaches and selectors. Members of the Australian University Team were also invited in for



a four-day camp prior to departing for Turkey, while other interstate players (Billy Miller, Jordan Votan) have attended as visiting athletes to assist in their preparation for their upcoming tours.

The AIS Water Polo Program has also endeavoured to promote the AIS and the sport of water polo throughout the community. Many players undertook the opportunity to earn extra income, acting as tour guides for the many groups who visit the AIS facility. Some of the third-year players also volunteered as ambassadors, participating in organised visits and information sessions that were delivered to local schools. The youth players who were not part of the Junior World Championships team were fortunate enough to travel to Townsville for a week-long training camp, which also incorporated educational clinics for the local players and visits to two of the local high schools.

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Kate Feehan's administration of the program ensured that any issues that arose were quickly resolved. This was especially significant early on in the year with National League, involving the coordination of players for AIS and their respective clubs. She also assisted in the smooth transition of my placement into the head-coaching role, quickly bringing me up to speed with what was required for the program to run effectively.

Finally, thank you to the numerous AIS departments that comprise the service providers, which assisted in the fine-tuning of the players and keeping them healthy enough to be able to complete the rigours of training and competition.

John Fox
Head Coach
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► Athletes' Commission Report

The Athletes' Commission held its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 with the selected commissioners being Debbie Watson, Nikita Cuffe, Thomas Whalan, Trent Franklin and Nathan Thomas.



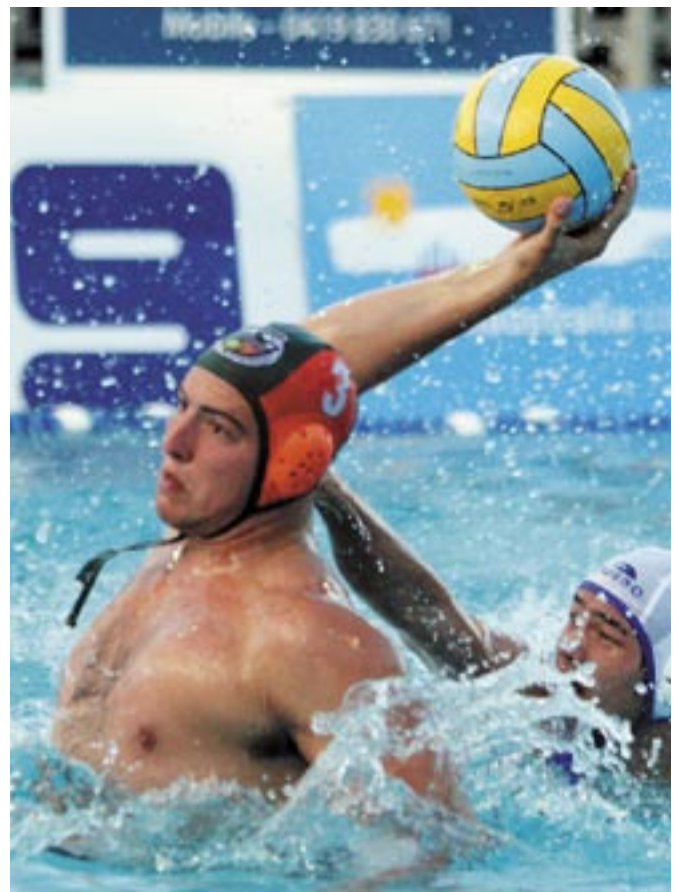
The Commission developed the Australian Water Polo Athletes' Commission Charter, defining the purpose of the commission, being to represent the views of Australian water polo athletes to AWPI.

The commissioners' roles as outlined in the charter are to:

2.1 Advise the board of AWPI on any matters relating to water polo which impact on Water Polo Athletes;

2.2 Appoint one delegate to represent it at conferences and general meetings of AWPI who will have the right to be heard on any matter affecting athletes within water polo and who will have the right to one vote at general meetings of AWPI;

2.3 Nominate representatives from among their members to represent Australian water polo athletes on AWPI as requested from time to time;





2.4 Nominate athletes for election by ballot to the Australian Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission;

2.5 Provide leadership and direction on matters that directly relate to water polo athletes.

During its first year of operation, the Commission lobbied for and gained a voting position on the board of AWPI, meaning that its chairman, currently Nathan Thomas, is empowered with all duties and responsibilities of an AWPI Board member.

On May 18, 2006, Thomas Whalan and Trent Franklin attended the Australian Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission meeting as observers. During the meeting both Thomas and Trent were given the opportunity to voice opinion on a number of topics and were recognised for the work being undertaken by the AWPI Athletes' Commission. Into the future, the commission aims to establish representation on the Australian Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission to further increase representation of water polo athletes and to actively engage in the development of Olympic sports across Australia.

During the coming period, the Commission will be undertaking a study to profile our elite athletes in the attempt to obtain a greater understanding of their welfare and support requirements. It is envisioned that through this process a holistic approach to recognising and supporting our elite athletes can be developed.

The Athletes' Commission is looking forward to working with Australian Water Polo and its athletes to further develop our sport on a domestic and international stage.

Debbie Watson

Athletes' Commission Secretary

➤ Referees' Commission Report

During the year the Commission met three times.

The Commission continued to provide recommendations to the AWPI Board on referees who should be included on the FINA list and appointments to international tournaments and championships.



While the Commission has reviewed and established the national classification system there is still much work to be done in establishing national consistency across and within the States at a local level.

The process for nomination and administration of referees for national championships was also



reviewed with the Commission determining that the nomination process for State-based championships should be more formal with a clear focus on engaging referees who have committed to the development pathway and have clear aspirations in the officials' area.

The conduct of national club championships was determined as less rigorous and the Commission would like to see the hosting States taking a lead role in the official administration function.

The success of any national approach will be determined by the support the Commission can gain from the States. To this end it is hoped to host a national forum with State representatives to discuss national consistency and general official administration and the conduct of national championships.

Commission members continued to provide support for State and club national championships run throughout the year.

The composition of the Referees' Commission for the year was: Chairman: Phil Scales. Secretary: Scott Schweickle. Members: Phillip Bower, Nicola Johnson, Damir Stajduhar.

Phillip Scales

Referees' Commission Chairman



AWPI NATIONAL CAPITATION 2006

	SENIOR		JUNIOR		SCHOOL		FLIPPA		AFFILIATE		TOTAL		TOTAL
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
QLD	245	222	350	1282	38	102	168	148	3	5	804	1759	2563
NSW	1113	749	756	842	460	833	328	283	85	61	2742	2768	5510
ACT	39	27	61	45					5	2	105	74	179
VIC	421	217	262	172	27				37	11	747	400	1147
TAS	14	5	82	62	152	213			5		253	280	533
SA	61	33	68	55					9		138	88	226
WA	435	271	226	189			318	286			979	746	1725
NT	32	21	7						1		40	21	61
TOTALS	2360	1545	1812	2647	677	1148	814	717	145	79	5808	6136	11944
	3905		4459		1825		1531		224		11944		

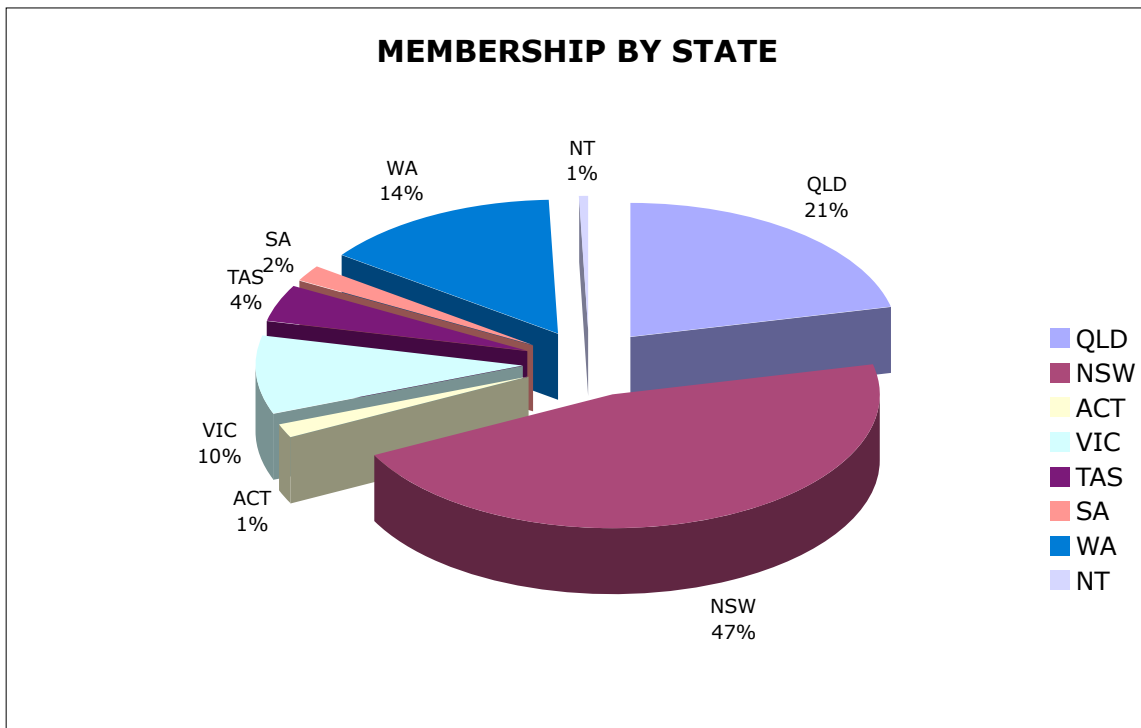
% of Total Gender

41% 25% 31% 43% 12% 19% 14% 12% 2% 1%

% of Total

20% 13% 15% 22% 6% 10% 7% 6% 1% 1% 49% 51%

	2003/4		2004/5		2005/6	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
QLD	2282	20.8	2388	18.8	2563	21.5
NSW	4866	44.3	6300	49.7	5510	46.1
ACT	330	3.0	189	1.5	179	1.5
VIC	995	9.1	1178	9.3	1147	9.6
TAS	613	5.6	587	4.6	533	4.5
SA	229	2.1	242	1.9	226	1.9
WA	1570	14.3	1744	13.8	1725	14.4
NT	90	0.8	50	0.4	61	0.5
TOTAL	10975		12678		11944	





AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SPORTS TRAINING GRANT (AGSTG)

The below mentioned athletes were recipients of funding under the Australian Government Sports Training Grant (AGSTG) for the year ended 30 June 2006.

Athlete	State	Amount
Erin Douglass	NSW	\$14,000
Gemma Beadsworth	WA	\$14,000
Alicia McCormack	NSW	\$14,000
Melissa Rippon	QLD	\$14,000
Rebecca Rippon	NSW	\$14,000
Kate Gynther	QLD	\$14,000
Nikita Cuffe	NSW	\$14,000
Victoria Brown	VIC	\$8,000
Fiona Hammond	NSW	\$8,000
Suzie Fraser	QLD	\$8,000
Mia Santoromito	NSW	\$8,000
Taniele Gofers	NSW	\$8,000
Emma Knox	WA	\$8,000
Sarah Mills	QLD	\$4,012.50
Amy Hetzel	QLD	\$4,012.50
Jane Moran	QLD	\$4,012.50
Nicole Dyson	NSW	\$4,012.50
Patrice O'Neill	NSW	\$4,012.50
Sophie Smith	QLD	\$4,012.50
Jenna Santoromito	NSW	\$4,012.50
Glencora Ralph	WA	\$4,012.50



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Australian Water Polo Incorporated Independent Audit Report

To the members of the Australian Water Polo Incorporated

SCOPE

We have audited the attached accounts of the Australian Water Polo Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2006. The Association's office bearers are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the accounts and the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, all material respects, the accounts are presented fairly.

As detailed in Note 1 to the Accounts, the Association is not a reporting entity because the members are able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to specifically satisfy all of their information needs, and these accounts are therefore "Special Purpose Financial Reports" that have been prepared solely for the members of the Australian Water Polo Incorporated.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

INDEPENDENCE

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the accounts of the Australian Water Polo Incorporated are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Association's state of affairs at 30 June 2006 and of its results for the year ended on that date.


ALEX HOVE FCA
REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR
No. 15382

23rd October, 2006.



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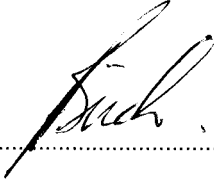


Australian Water Polo Incorporated Statement by the Board of Directors

In the opinion of the Directors of Australian Water Polo Incorporated the accompanying accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the basis set out in Note 1 to the accounts so as to present fairly:

- (i) the results of the operations of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2006
- (ii) the state of affairs of the Association at that date.

signed on behalf of the Board


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J A Birch

DIRECTOR


.....
P H Kerr

PRESIDENT

Dated this 11th Day of October 2006



Australian Water Polo Incorporated
Balance Sheet
At 30 June 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank	21,743	114,871
Cash Management Account No. 1	225,320	437,640
Cash Management Account No. 2	63,012	60,583
Foreign Currency Account - \$USD	6,930	0
Mastercard	(1,524)	(4,821)
American Express	54,181	0
Undeposited Cash - Foreign Currency	2,324	8,355
Debtors & Receivables	320,493	358,908
Prov'n for Doubtful Debts	(10,000)	(10,000)
Stock Items	104,354	62,088
Prepayments	319,857	274,497
	1,106,690	1,302,120
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>		
Plant & Equipment at Cost	52,179	92,498
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(38,722)	(74,325)
	13,457	18,173
Total Assets	1,120,147	1,320,293
LIABILITIES		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accrued Expenses	29,366	98,425
Creditors	109,093	382,872
PAYG Withholding	0	5,545
Superannuation	0	3,793
Provision for Annual Leave	62,832	45,862
Provision for Long Service Lve	20,188	14,139
Funds Received in Advance	37,500	20,200
	258,980	570,836
<u>GST Liabilities</u>		
GST Collected	625	58,278
GST Paid	(29)	(56,419)
	596	1,859
Total Liabilities	259,576	572,695
Net Assets	\$860,571	\$747,598
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance 1 July 2005	747,598	275,212
Surplus for Year	112,973	472,386
Total Accumulated Funds	\$860,571	\$747,598

THESE ACCOUNTS SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATTACHED AUDITOR'S REPORT



Australian Water Polo Incorporated
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended 30 June 2006

	NOTE	2006 \$	2005 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Grants & Donations		2,058,216	2,000,968
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(3,559,381)	(3,267,769)
Interest Received		33,235	39,063
Other Receipts		1,222,753	1,494,491
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(a)	<u>(\$245,177)</u>	<u>\$266,753</u>
CASH FOR INVESTING			
Purchase of Plant & Equipment		2,762	15,020
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		<u>2,762</u>	<u>15,020</u>
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash Held		<u>(247,939)</u>	<u>251,733</u>
Cash at 1 July 2005		621,449	369,716
Cash at 30 June 2006	(b)	<u>\$373,510</u>	<u>\$621,449</u>

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations, with surplus for period

Surplus for Period	112,973	472,386
Depreciation	7,478	8,790
Provision for Annual Leave & Long Service Leave	23,019	1,481
Decrease in Debtors	38,415	(40,337)
Increase in Inventory	(42,266)	(11,021)
Increase in Prepayments	(45,360)	(254,841)
Decrease in Creditors	(273,779)	(9,928)
Increase in Tour Contributions Rec'd in Advance	17,300	7,000
Decrease in Accrued Expenses	(78,397)	79,825
Decrease in Mastercard	(3,297)	10,303
Decrease in GST Provision	(1,263)	3,095
	<u>(\$245,177)</u>	<u>\$266,753</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand, in bank accounts and American Express card. Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Cash on Hand	2,324	8,355
Cash Management Accounts	288,332	498,223
Cash at Bank	28,673	114,871
Cash in American Express Card	54,181	
	<u>\$373,510</u>	<u>\$621,449</u>

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**Australian Water Polo Incorporated
Profit & Loss Account
Year Ended 30 June 2006**

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
INCOME		
<u>MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE</u>		
Capitation Fees	144,127	140,733
Affiliation Fees	160	160
Bank Interest	33,235	39,063
Sponsorship	12,177	340,467
Miscellaneous	49,708	14,104
Member Travel Contributions	223,520	219,529
National League Contributions	445,212	503,364
Total Management & Governance	908,138	1,257,421
<u>SPORTS DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Australian Sports Commission Grant	65,000	60,000
Miscellaneous	1,491	
Total Sports Development	66,491	60,000
<u>HIGH PERFORMANCE</u>		
Australian Sports Commission Grant	1,584,000	1,442,500
Australian Olympic Committee International Con	108,000	108,000
Competition Contributions	244,725	299,091
Sponsorship	55,000	50,000
Total High Performance	1,991,725	1,899,591
<u>OPERATIONS</u>		
Competition Fees	22,004	13,552
Operational Planning	124,119	136,079
National Championships Contributions	67,803	106,304
Commonwealth Championship Sponsorship	20,000	
Merchandise	113,924	21,239
Total Operations	347,849	277,174
Total Income	\$3,314,204	\$3,494,185

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Australian Water Polo Incorporated
Profit & Loss Account
Year Ended 30 June 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
EXPENDITURE		
<u>MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE</u>		
Strategic Plan	130	
People Resources	527,875	531,510
State Partnerships	6,986	
Board Governance	36,162	31,507
National Water Polo League	445,302	582,487
Financial Process	8,617	
International Stage Personnel	18,998	15,607
Sponsorship	8,179	
Total Management & Governance	1,052,248	1,161,111
<u>SPORTS DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Community Participation	2,602	2,760
Junior Development	1,862	1,975
Club Development	7,343	7,787
Coach Education	36,648	38,865
Officiating Education	13,480	14,295
Member Protection	2,818	2,989
Total Sports Development	64,754	68,671
<u>HIGH PERFORMANCE</u>		
International Events	879,373	821,699
Management Skills	823,186	679,186
Technology & Equipment	16,986	
Total High Performance	1,719,545	1,500,885
<u>OPERATIONS</u>		
National Championships	177,389	188,681
Hall Of Fame	250	
Membership Base	83	
Athletes Commission	428	
Operational Planning	79,384	102,451
Enhance Communication	3,790	
State Communication	14,840	
Merchandise	88,519	
Total Operations	364,683	291,132
Total Expenditure	\$3,201,231	\$3,021,799
Surplus / Deficit For Year	\$112,973	\$472,386

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Australian Water Polo Incorporated
Notes to and Forming Part of the Accounts
At 30 June 2006

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are special purpose reports which have been prepared specifically for distribution to members in accordance with the Association's constitution and for the purpose of acquitting grants received from the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Olympic Committee.

The Association is of the type identified in Statement of Accounting Concepts 1 as a non-reporting entity. The statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The statements have been prepared on an accruals basis from the records of the Association. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account the changing values of money.

Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Income Tax

The Association is an exempt body for income tax purposes under Section 23 (g) (iii) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

NOTE 2: RELATED PARTIES

The Members who comprise the Board of Australian Water Polo Inc. are Peter Kerr, Leanne Barnes, John Birch, Robert Gronow, Thomas Hoad and Christopher Mackay. Mr Nathan Thomas was appointed Director on 4 November 2005.

In their capacities as Members of the Board they receive no remuneration.

Any transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions

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National Championships Results 2005-06

16 Years & Under Boys

Perth, October, 2005

1. New South Wales
2. Queensland
3. Western Australia
4. Victoria
5. South Australia
6. Tasmania
7. Australian Capital Territory

16 Years & Under Girls

Perth, October 2005

1. New South Wales
2. Queensland
3. Western Australia
4. South Australia
5. Victoria
6. Australian Capital Territory
7. Tasmania

20 Years & Under Men

Brisbane, January 2006

1. New South Wales
2. Western Australia
3. Queensland
4. Victoria
5. South Australia
6. Tasmania
7. Australia 16 & Under

20 Years & Under Women

Brisbane, January 2006

1. New South Wales
2. Queensland
3. Western Australia
4. Australian Capital Territory
5. Victoria
6. South Australia
7. Australia 16 & Under

Men's National League

January-April, 2006

Finals, Sydney

1. Fremantle Mariners
2. Sydney University Lions
3. Victorian Tigers
4. Balmain Tigers
5. Wests waterpolo Magpies

6. Brisbane Sirromet Barracudas
7. UWA Torpedoes
8. Cronulla Sharks
9. KFC Queensland Breakers
10. Adelaide Jets
11. Hunter Hurricanes

Women's National League

January-April 2006

Finals, Sydney

1. Cronulla
2. Balmain Tigers
3. Fremantle Marlins
4. Sydney University Lions
5. Brisbane Sirromet Barracudas
6. Victorian Tigers
7. KFC Queensland Breakers
8. St George BIC Dragons
9. Perth Challenge Comets
10. UNSW Killer Whales
11. Canberra Dolphins
12. Birdseye Adelaide Jets

14 Years & Under Boys

Hobart, April 2006

1. Wests (NSW)
2. Melville Mariners (WA)
3. Alstonville (NSW)
4. Cronulla A (NSW)
5. Titans (NSW)
6. Sydney University (NSW)
7. Victoria (VIC)
8. City Beach (WA)
9. Tasmania (TAS)
10. Cronulla B (NSW)

14 Years & Under Girls

Hobart, April 2006

1. Drummoyne (NSW)
2. Cronulla (NSW)
3. Melville Marlins (WA)
4. Balmain (NSW)
5. St George (NSW)
6. Perth Comets (WA)
7. Sydney Northern Beaches (NSW)
8. Victoria (VIC)
9. Tasmania (TAS)



Country Men

Newcastle, May 2006

1. New South Wales A
2. Queensland
3. Australian Defence Force
4. Western Australia
5. Australian Deaf
6. New South Wales B

Country Women

Newcastle, May 2006

1. New South Wales A
2. South Australia
3. Australian Capital Territory
4. Queensland
5. Western Australia
6. Australian Defence Force
7. New South Wales B

18 Years & Under Boys

Brisbane, June 2006

1. Queensland Breakers (QLD)
2. Hunter Hurricanes (NSW)
3. Adelaide Vikings (SA)
4. Cronulla B (NSW)
5. Cronulla A (NSW)
6. Drummoyne (NSW)
7. Balmain (NSW)
8. Queensland Country (QLD)
9. Brisbane Barracudas (QLD)
10. Alstonville (NSW)

18 Years & Under Girls

Brisbane, June 2006

1. Cronulla A (NSW)
2. UNSW Killer Whales (NSW)
3. Brisbane Barracudas Gold (QLD)
4. Sydney University (NSW)
5. Adelaide United (SA)
6. Queensland Country (QLD)
7. Balmain (NSW)
8. Brisbane Barracudas Green (QLD)
9. Queensland Breakers (QLD)
10. Drummoyne (NSW)
11. WA Country (WA)

National Teams 2005-06

Senior Men

XI FINA World Championships, Montreal, Canada, July, 2005:

Jamie Beadsworth, Pietro Figlioli, Trent Franklin, Tim Hamill, Toby Jenkins, Sam McGregor, Robert Maitland, John Neesham, Tim Neesham, Adam Richardson, James Stanton, Laurie Trettel, Thomas Whalan. Head Coach: David Neesham. Assistant Coach: Andrew Kerr. Manager: Chris Harrison.

Series with China, Perth, Australia, January, 2006:

Jamie Beadsworth, Richard Campbell, Tim Cleland, Trent Franklin (C), Luke Gavin, Christian Hoad, Toby Jenkins, Sam McGregor, Robert Maitland, Anthony Martin, Timothy Neesham (VC), Nick O'Halloran, Luke Quinlivan, Adam Richardson, Peter Tresise, Laurie Trettel. Head Coach: David Neesham. Manager: David Swift.

II Commonwealth Championships, Perth, Australia, January, 2006:

Jamie Beadsworth, Tim Cleland, Pietro Figlioli, Trent Franklin (VC), Christian Hoad, Sam McGregor, Robert Maitland, Timothy Neesham (VC), Adam Richardson, James Stanton, Peter Tresise, Laurie Trettel, Thomas Whalan (C). Head Coach: David Neesham. Assistant Coach: Andrew Kerr. Manager: Chris Harrison.

Senior Women

World League, USA, July, 2005:

Yvette Balla-Gow, Gemma Beadsworth, Victoria Brown, Erin Douglass, Suzie Fraser, Taniele Gofers, Kate Gynther, Gemma Hadley, Amy Hetzel, Bronwen Knox, Alicia McCormack, Elise Norwood, Melissa Rippon, Rebecca Rippon, Elizabeth Simms. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coaches: Alexandr Osadchuk, Ryan Moar. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

XI FINA World Championships, Montreal, Canada, July, 2005:

Yvette Balla-Gow, Gemma Beadsworth, Victoria Brown, Erin Douglass, Suzie Fraser, Taniele Gofers, Kate Gynther, Amy Hetzel, Bronwen Knox, Alicia McCormack, Elise Norwood, Melissa Rippon, Rebecca Rippon. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coaches: Alexandr Osadchuk, Ryan Moar. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

II FINA World League Super Finals, Kirishi, Russia, August, 2005:

Victoria Brown, Nikita Cuffe, Erin Douglass, Nicole Dy-



son, Taniele Gofers, Kate Gynther, Fiona Hammond, Alicia McCormack, Kelly Miller, Elise Norwood, Patrice O'Neill, Melissa Rippon, Rebecca Rippon, Mia Santoromito, Sophie Smith. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coaches: Simone Fountain, Greig Richardson.

Series with Canada, Canberra, Australia, January, 2006:

Elise Ashton, Yvette Balla-Gow, Gemma Beadsworth, Danielle Bower, Erin Douglass, Suzie Fraser, Gemma Hadley, Fiona Hammond, Alicia McCormack, Jane Moran, Elysha O'Neill, Melissa Rippon (C), Rebecca Rippon, Jenna Santoromito, Mia Santoromito, Sophie Smith, Larissa Webster. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coaches: Simone Hankin, Aleksandr Osadchuk. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

II Commonwealth Championships, Perth, Australia, January, 2006:

Yvette Balla-Gow, Gemma Beadsworth, Danielle Bower, Erin Douglass, Suzie Fraser, Gemma Hadley, Fiona Hammond, Alicia McCormack, Melissa Rippon (C), Rebecca Rippon, Jenna Santoromito, Mia Santoromito, Sophie Smith. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coaches: Simone Hankin, Aleksandr Osadchuk. Manager: Jeanette Gunn.

International Series with New Zealand, Sydney, June, 2006:

Danielle Bower, Kelly Douglass, Nicole Dyson, Katie Finucane, Taniele Gofers, Bronwen Knox, Jane Moran, Elysha O'Neill, Patrice O'Neill, Glencora Ralph, Rebecca Rippon, Jenna Santoromito, Mia Santoromito. Head Coach: Greg McFadden. Assistant Coach: Greig Richardson.

Students

XXIII World Student Games, Izmir, Turkey, August, 2005:

Chris Corbin, Marcus Corr, Luke Gavin, Chris Gronow, Ben Ient, Daniel Lees, Nick Ling, Robert Maitland, Anthony Martin, Mark Murphy, Grant Richardson, Daniel Swinnerton, Matt Turnbull. Coach: John Fox. Manager: Jon Sieben.

Junior Men

Perth, Singapore and European tour, September, 2005:

Mitchal Ainsworth, Jamie Beadsworth, Richard Campbell, Johnno Cotterill, Troy Delany, Daniel Lawrence, Adam Laws, Daniel Lees, Brett McGhie, Nick O'Halloran, Luke Quinlivan, John Richards, Daniel Streets, Tom Woudwyk. Coach: Andrei Kovalenko. Manager: Jon Harmer.

XIII FINA World Championships, Mar del Plata, Argentina, October, 2005:

Mitchal Ainsworth, Jamie Beadsworth, Richard Campbell, Troy Delany, Daniel Lawrence, Adam Laws, Daniel Lees, Brett McGhie, Nick O'Halloran, Luke Quinlivan, Daniel Streets, Tom Woudwyk. Coach: Andrei Kovalenko. Manager: Jon Harmer.

Junior Women

European Tour, July/August 2004:

Gemma Beadsworth, Victoria Brown, Luisa Chaves, Nicole Dyson, Taniele Gofers, Bronwen Knox, Ashleigh Miller, Jane Moran, Helen North, Louise O'Halloran, Patrice O'Neill, Louise Robertson, Jenna Santoromito, Mia Santoromito, Sophie Smith. Head Coach: Bruce Falson. Assistant Coach: Sharyn Gist. Manager: Julie Hamill.

VI FINA World Championships, Perth, January 2005:

Gemma Beadsworth, Victoria Brown, Luisa Chaves, Nicole Dyson, Taniele Gofers, Bronwen Knox, Ashleigh Miller, Jane Moran, Helen North, Patrice O'Neill, Louise Robertson, Mia Santoromito, Sophie Smith. Head Coach: Bruce Falson. Assistant Coach: Sharyn Gist. Manager: Julie Hamill.

Youth Boys

European Tour, July, 2005:

Richard Campbell, Nathan Cargill, Stephen Cody, Johnno Cotterill, Joel Dennerley, John Hahn, Rhys Howden, Daniel Lawrence, Stephen Lewis, Rhys McKinnon, Billy Miller, Nick O'Halloran, Jordan Votan, Maui Whaitiri, James Young. Coach: John Fox. Manager: Michael Weiner.

Country

Hawaiian Invitational Tournament, Honolulu, United States of America, August, 2005:

Men: Mitch Baird, Matt Bartlett, Sean Bryant, Nick Campbell, Adam Cawood, Angus Crowley, Brendan Hagen, Mike Ioannu, Sean Jacobs, Sam McCombe, Luke Pirrottina, Chad Rapsey, Daniel Robinson. Coach: Philip Martin. Manager: Jaimi Burns.

Women: Unavailable.



National Team Results 2005-06

Senior Men

Friendly, Brandenburg, Germany, July, 2005:

Germany 10 Australia 8 (M Ainsworth, A Richardson 2, T Franklin, T Neesham, S McGregor, J Beadsworth).

XI FINA World Championships, Montreal, Canada, July, 2005:

Day 1: Germany 9 Australia 8 (P Figlioli 3, A Richardson, S McGregor 2, J Beadsworth).

Day 2: Australia 11 (P Figlioli 3, A Richardson, T Franklin, J Beadsworth 2, T Jenkins, T Whalan) China 6.

Day 3: Greece 10 Australia 8 (P Figlioli, T Whalan 2, T Franklin, T Neesham, S McGregor, R Maitland).

Final points: Greece 6, Germany 4, Australia 2, China 0.

Day 4: Croatia 10 Australia 6 (T Franklin, T Whalan 2, P Figlioli, T Neesham).

Day 5: Australia 16 (T Franklin 5, P Figlioli 4, T Neesham, T Hamill 2, S McGregor, A Richardson, T Whalan) Cuba 3.

Day 6: Classification: 9th & 10th, Germany 11 Australia 5 (T Whalan 3, S McGregor 2).

Final placings: Serbia & Montenegro, Hungary, Greece, Croatia, Spain, Romania, Russia, Italy, Germany, Australia, United States of America, Cuba, Japan, Canada, Republic of South Africa, China.

Series with China, Perth, Australia, January, 2006:

Test 1: Australia 13 (T Franklin 4, T Neesham 3, J Beadsworth 2, C Hoad, S McGregor, A Richardson, P Tresise) China 10.

Test 2: Australia 14 (S McGregor 4, J Beadsworth 3, C Hoad, R Maitland 2, T Franklin, T Cleland, N O'Halloran) China 4.

Australia wins series 2-0.

II Commonwealth Championships, Perth, Australia, January, 2006:

Day 2: Australia 33 (A Richardson, T Franklin, P Figlioli 6, T Whalan 4, T Cleland 3, T Neesham, S McGregor 2, P Tresise, C Hoad, R Maitland, J Beadsworth) Singapore 3.

Day 3: Australia 14 (T Franklin, C Hoad, T Whalan, T Cleland 2, A Richardson, P Figlioli, P Tresise, S McGregor, R Maitland, J Beadsworth) South Africa 5.

Day 4: Australia 12 (T Whalan 5, P Figlioli 3, S McGregor 2, P Tresise, T Neesham) Canada 9, Australia 24 (P Figlioli 5, T Franklin, P Tresise, C Hoad, T Neesham, J Beadsworth 3, T Whalan, T Cleland 2) Wales 0.

Day 5: Australia 21 (T Franklin 4, T Neesham 3, P Figlioli, P Tresise, C Hoad, T Whalan, T Cleland 2, A Richardson, S McGregor, R Maitland, J Beadsworth) England 2.

Day 6: Australia 15 (T Franklin, J Beadsworth 3, P Figlioli, C Hoad, T Neesham 2, T Whalan, T Cleland, R Maitland) New Zealand 8.

Final Points: AUS 12, CAN 9, NZL 7, ENG 6, RSA 6, WAL 2, SIN 0.

Day 7: Semifinal: Australia 18 (T Whalan 4, T Franklin, T Neesham, S McGregor 3, P Figlioli 2, A Richardson, R Maitland, J Beadsworth) South Africa 8.

Day 8: Gold medal: Australia 12 (P Figlioli 4, T Franklin, P Tresise, T Neesham 2, J Beadsworth, R Maitland) Canada 3.

Most valuable player: Thomas Whalan (AUS).

Most valuable goalkeeper: James Stanton (AUS).

Highest goal-scorer after rounds: Pietro Figlioli (AUS) 19.

International series with United States of America, Sydney, June, 2006:

First Test: USA 13 Australia 12 (T Franklin, T Neesham 3, P Figlioli, T Whalan 2, R Moody, S McGregor).

Second Test: USA 9 Australia 7 (T Whalan 3, M Ainsworth, P Figlioli, S McGregor, G Woods).

USA wins series 2-0.

Senior Women

World League, First Round, La Jolla, USA, July, 2005:

Day 1: Australia 8 (K Gynther 3, M Rippon, E Norwood 2, G Hadley) Greece 5.

Day 2: USA 7 Australia 5 (K Gynther, A Hetzel, S Fraser, T Gofers, G Hadley).

Day 3: Canada 7 Australia 4 (Y Balla-Gow 3, M Rippon), Australia 14 (G Hadley 3, M Rippon, B Knox 2, G Beadsworth, L Simms, R Rippon, E Norwood, T Gofers, Y Balla-Gow, A Hetzel) Germany 3.

Day 4: Australia 8 (G Beadsworth 3, L Simms, S Fraser, K Gynther, E Douglass, G Hadley) Brazil 0.

World League, Second Round, New York, July, 2005:

Day 1: Australia 9 (R Rippon 3, T Gofers, K Gynther 2, E Norwood, G Beadsworth) Brazil 3.

Day 2: Greece 9 Australia 7 (E Douglass 2, G Beadsworth, R Rippon, E Norwood, K Gynther, A Hetzel).

Day 3: Australia 7 (G Beadsworth, T Gofers, K Gynther 2, S Fraser) USA 3.

Day 4: Australia 15 (B Knox 3, G Beadsworth, R Rippon, T Gofers, K Gynther, Y Balla-Gow 2, E Simms, G Hadley) Germany 5.

Day 5: Canada 7 Australia 6 (R Rippon, S Fraser, T Gofers, K Gynther, E Douglass, Y Balla-Gow).



Final points: USA 25, Canada 24, Australia 22, Greece 20, Germany 12, Brazil 11.

XI FINA World Championships, Montreal, Canada, July, 2005:

Day 1: Australia 15 (T Gofers, E Norwood 3, K Gynther, Y Balla-Gow 2, G Beadsworth, B Knox, M Rippon, R Rippon, S Fraser) Germany 2.

Day 2: Australia 11 (G Beadsworth, R Rippon, Douglass, Y Balla-Gow 2, K Gynther, A Hetzel, E Norwood) Brazil 4.

Day 3: Australia 9 (K Gynther, Y Balla-Gow 2, G Beadsworth, E Norwood, T Gofers, E Douglass, M Rippon) Netherlands 2.

Day 4: Bye

Day 5: USA 8 Australia 5 (T Gofers 2, R Rippon, K Gynther, Y Balla-Gow).

Day 6: Australia 10 (K Gynther 4, E Norwood 2, R Rippon, E Douglass, Y Balla-Gow, M Rippon) Italy 9.

Day 7: For 5th & 6th: Greece 10 Australia 8 (E Norwood, T Gofers, K Gynther 2, R Rippon, E Douglass) in extra time (FT: 7-7).

Final placings: Hungary, USA, Canada, Russia, Greece, Australia, Italy, Germany, Cuba, Netherlands, Spain, New Zealand, Brazil, Venezuela, Uzbekistan, China.

II FINA World League Super Finals, Kirishi, Russia, August, 2005:

Day 1: Russia 14 Australia 13 (K Gynther 5, M Rippon 2, T Gofers, P O'Neill, R Rippon, N Cuffe, E Norwood, F Hammond) in penalty shootout (FT: 10-10).

Day 2: Australia 11 (K Gynther 4, M Rippon 2, T Gofers, P O'Neill, R Rippon, N Cuffe, E Norwood, F Hammond) USA 10.

Day 3: Australia 12 (K Gynther 5, E Norwood, N Cuffe 3, T Gofers) Netherlands 6.

Day 4: 3rd & 4th, Australia 6 (M Santoromito, M Rippon, K Gynther, R Rippon, N Cuffe, E Norwood) Hungary 4.

Final placings: Greece, Russia, Australia, Hungary, United States of America, Canada, Netherlands, Italy.

Series with Canada, Canberra, Australia, January, 2006:

Test 1: Australia 13 (E Ashton 4, M Rippon 3, G Beadsworth, R Rippon 2, M Santoromito, S Fraser) Canada 4.

Test 2: Canada 8 Australia 7 (R Rippon, G Hadley 2, E Ashton, M Rippon, S Smith).

Series levelled 1-1.

II Commonwealth Championships, Perth, Australia, January, 2006:

Day 2: Australia 31 (G Beadsworth 6, E Douglass, Y Balla-Gow 4, S Fraser, F Hammond, M Rippon 3, G Hadley, J Santoromito, M Santoromito 2, S Smith, R Rippon) Singapore 1.

Day 3: Australia 25 (S Fraser 5, S Smith 4, E Douglass, M Rippon 3, R Rippon, G Hadley, J Santoromito, Y Balla-Gow 2, F Hammond, M Santoromito) South Africa 2.

Day 4: Australia 32 (M Rippon 5, G Beadsworth, G Hadley, F Hammond 4, S Fraser, J Santoromito, E Douglass, Y Balla-Gow 3, M Santoromito 2, S Smith) Scotland 0, Australia 12 (G Hadley 3, G Beadsworth, R Rippon 2, S Smith, S Fraser, E Douglass, Y Balla-Gow, M Rippon) Canada 3.

Day 5: Australia 16 (Y Balla-Gow 4, R Rippon 3, S Fraser 2, F Hammond, G Hadley, J Santoromito, E Douglass, M Santoromito, M Rippon) England 2.

Day 6: Australia 14 (S Fraser, F Hammond, G Hadley, E Douglass, Y Balla-Gow, M Rippon 2, S Smith, R Rippon) New Zealand 7.

Final points: AUS 12, CAN 10, NZL 8, ENG 6, RSA 4, SCO 2, SIN 0.

Day 7: Semifinals: Australia 12 (M Santoromito 3, G Hadley, Y Balla-Gow, M Rippon 2, S Smith, F Hammond E Douglass) England 5.

Day 8: Gold medal: Australia 12 (M Rippon 4, G Beadsworth 2, S Smith, R Rippon, S Fraser, G Hadley, E Douglass, Y Balla-Gow) Canada 4.

Most valuable player: Melissa Rippon (AUS).

Most valuable goalkeeper: Alicia McCormack (AUS).

Highest goal-scorer (after rounds): Valerie Dionne (CAN) 18.

Trans-Tasman Challenge, Sydney, June, 2006:

First Test: Australia 10 (T Gofers, P O'Neill 3, J Santoromito 2, J Moran, M Santoromito) New Zealand 10.

Second Test: Australia 11 (N Dyson 3, P O'Neill 2, R Rippon, J Moran, R Webster, S Mills, G Ralph, M Santoromito) New Zealand 5.

Third Test: Australia 11 (S Mills 5, N Dyson 2, R Rippon, J Moran, K Finucane, M Santoromito) New Zealand 4.

Australia wins series 2 1/2-1/2.

Students

World Student Games, Izmir, Turkey, August, 2005:

Day 1: Bye

Day 2: Hungary 8 Australia 6 (L Gavin, G Richardson 2, R Maitland, A Martin).

Day 3: Australia 9 (A Martin 3, R Maitland, L Gavin, C Corbin 2) Kazakhstan 8.

Day 4: Japan 10 Australia 8 (L Gavin 4, C Corbin, G Richardson, M Murphy, N Ling).



Day 5: Australia 14 (L Gavin, R Maitland, G Richardson, M Turnbull, N Ling 2, D Swinnerton, A Martin, M Corr, M Murphy) Belgium 5.

Day 6: Play-off for 9-10: Australia 6 (G Richardson 2, R Maitland, C Corbin, M Murphy, L Gavin) Greece 5.

Final placings: Serbia & Montenegro, Hungary, Turkey, Russia, Spain, Japan, Italy, Poland, Australia, Greece, Kazakhstan, Belgium, Portugal.

Junior Men

Invitational Matches, Perth, September, 2005:

Australian Juniors 18 (J Beadsworth 4, T Delaney, R Campbell 3, N O'Halloran, T Woudwyk 2, M Ainsworth, A Laws, J Cotterill, J Campbell) UWA Torpedoes 7, Australian Juniors 10 (J Beadsworth, D Streets, R Campbell 2, M Ainsworth, A Laws, J Cotterill, T Delany) WA State 7.

Montenegro Cup, Herceg Novi, Serbia & Montenegro, September, 2005:

Day 1: Australia 9 (B McGhie 3, M Ainsworth 2, S Streets, A Martin, T Delany, R Campbell) Italy 8.

Day 2: SCG 10 Australia 4 (M Ainsworth, A Laws, A Martin, D Streets).

Day 3: Greece 11 Australia 9 (R Campbell 3, T Delany, Nick O'Halloran 2, A Laws, T Woudwyk), Hungary 12 Australia 9 (N O'Halloran 3, J Cotterill, D Streets 2, J Beadsworth, A Martin).

Day 4: Croatia 13 Australia 9 (M Ainsworth 3, J Beadsworth, A Laws, B McGhie, J Cotterill, N O'Halloran, T Woudwyk), Hungary 12 Greece 7, SCG 12 Italy 12.

Final placings: SCG, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Greece, Australia.

Six-Nation Tournament, Split, Croatia, September, 2005:

Day 1: Croatia 11 Australia 9 (M Ainsworth 3, A Laws, N O'Halloran 2, J Beadsworth, A Martin).

Day 2: Australia 9 (M Ainsworth 4, J Beadsworth 2, D Street, A Martin, B McGhie) Italy 8.

Day 3: Australia 8 (M Ainsworth 3, J Beadsworth, R Campbell 2, B McGhie) Russia 7.

Day 4: Australia 7 (J Beadsworth, M Ainsworth 2, N O'Halloran, B McGhie, T Delany) Greece 5, Serbia & Montenegro 17 Australia 7 (D Streets, M Ainsworth 2, N O'Halloran, J Cotterill, J Richards).

Final placings: SCG, Croatia, Australia, Italy, Greece, Russia.

XIII FINA World Championships, Mar del Plata, Argentina, October, 2005:

Day 1: Australia 18 (A Martin, N O'Halloran 4, A Laws 3, J Beadsworth, M Ainsworth 2, D Streets, B McGhie, R Campbell) Venezuela 2.

Day 2: Russia 8 Australia 6 (M Ainsworth 4, J Beadsworth, R Campbell).

Day 3: Italy 10 Australia 7 (M Ainsworth 3, D Streets, T Woudwyk, A Laws, R Campbell).

Day 4: Australia 11 (J Beadsworth, B McGhie 3, A Laws, N O'Halloran 2, A Martin) Brazil 5.

Day 6: Australia 11 (M Ainsworth 5, R Campbell 2, T Delany, B McGhie, N O'Halloran, D Streets) New Zealand 4.

Day 7: Spain 8 Australia 3 (D Streets 2, M Ainsworth).

Day 8: Greece 7 Australia 6 (M Ainsworth, D Streets 2, A Martin, T Delany).

Day 9: For 7th-8th, Australia 10 (R Campbell 3, M Ainsworth 2, J Beadsworth, D Streets, A Martin, B McGhie, J Campbell) Russia 9 in extra time (FT: 8-8).

Final placings: SCG, Croatia, Spain, Italy, Hungary, Greece, Australia, Russia, Japan, France, USA, New Zealand, Slovakia, Brazil, Columbia, Argentina, Canada, Republic of South Africa, Mexico, Venezuela, Jamaica.

International Tournament, Sisak, Croatia, June, 2006:

Day 1: Australia 9 (N Cargill 3, S Cody, P Harmer, N O'Halloran, R Campbell, J Cotterill, J Young) Russia 8, Croatia 14 Australia 11 (J Cotterill 3, N Cargill, R Campbell, N O'Halloran 2, B Miller, S Cody).

Day 2: Australia 10 (P Harmer, R Campbell, J Cotterill 2, R Howden, N O'Halloran 2, T Knox) Hungary 10, Australia 12 (N O'Halloran 3, R Campbell, S Cody 2, N Cargill, J Young, R Howden, S Mackenzie) Greece 11.

Day 3: Australia 9 (N Cargill 3, D Lawrence 2, N O'Halloran, J Young, P Harmer, J Cotterill) Serbia & Montenegro 9.

Final placings: Serbia & Montenegro, Australia, Greece, Croatia, Hungary, Russia.

Junior Women

Four-Nation Tournament, Madrid, Spain, July, 2005:

Day 1: Australia 8 (P O'Neill 3, N Dyson, R Webster, H Lincoln-Smith, J Santoromito, J Whitehorn) Greece 1.

Day 2: Australia 11 (N Dyson, P O'Neill 3, G Ralph 2, R Webster, J Leissmann, H Lincoln-Smith) Spain 1.

Day 3: Australia 11 (R Webster 3, P O'Neill, J Santoromito 2, G Ralph, H Lincoln-Smith, J Whitehorn, L Leissmann) Italy 5.

Final placings: Australia, Greece, Italy, Spain.

Most valuable player: Nicole Dyson (AUS).

Highest goal-scorer: Patrice O'Neill (AUS).

Best goalkeeper: Elysha O'Neill (AUS).



Four-Nation Tournament, Rapallo, Italy, July, 2005:

Day 1: Australia 11 (P O'Neill, N Dyson, G Ralph 3, R Webster 2) Netherlands 8.

Day 2: Russia 12 Australia 7 (S Mills, J Whitehorn 3, P O'Neill).

Day 3: Italy 7 Australia 6 (S Mills 2, J Whitehorn, C Grayson, K Bryce, G Ralph).

Final placings: Russia, Netherlands, Italy, Australia.

Youth Boys

Low Tatras Cup, Koscice, Slovakia, July, 2005:

Day 1: Australia 18 (N Cargill, S Lewis 4, R Campbell 3, R McKinnon 2, J Young 2, S Cody, R Howden, J Cotterill) Japan 6.

Day 2: Australia 17 (R Campbell 4, N Cargill, J Cotterill, S Lewis, R McKinnon 2, S Cody, R Howden, N O'Halloran, J Votan, M Whaitiri) USA 5.

Day 3: Australia 16 (N O'Halloran 4, N O'Halloran 4, R Howden 3, R Campbell, N Cargill, S Lewis 2, R McKinnon, J Votan, J Young) Slovakia 6. Final points: Australia 9, Japan 7, Slovakia 5, USA 3.

Semifinal: Italy 8 Australia 6 (J Cotterill 3, R Campbell 2, S Lewis) in extra time (FT: 5-5).

Day 4: 3rd-4th play-off, Australia 6 (N Cargill, N O'Halloran 2, J Votan, J Cotterill) Japan 4.

Final placings: Hungary, Italy, Australia, Japan, France, USA, Slovenia, Slovakia.

Six-Nation Tournament, Acireale, Italy, July, 2005:

Day 1: Serbia & Montenegro 6 Australia 3 (R Campbell 3).

Day 2: Croatia 10 Australia 8 (B Miller, M Whaitiri 2, N Cargill, S Cody, N O'Halloran, R Howden), Australia 9 (N Cargill, N O'Halloran, R Campbell 2, J Cotterill, D Lawrence, R McKinnon) Italy 3.

Day 3: Australia 7 (R Campbell, N O'Halloran 2, N

Cargill, R McKinnon, S Lewis) Greece 5.

Day 4: Australia 11 (N Cargill 3, J Young, R Howden, N O'Halloran 2, R Campbell, S Lewis) France 8.

Final placings: SCG, Croatia, Australia, Italy, France, Greece.

Most Valuable Player: Richie Campbell.

Country

Hawaiian Invitational, Honolulu, USA, August, 2005:

Men:

Day 1: Australian Country 5 (L Pirrottina, C Rapsey, M Bartlett, S Jacobs, D Robinson) SET 2.

Day 2: Olympic 10 Australian Country 2 (N Campbell 2).

Day 3: Australian Country 9 (S Jacobs 3, S Bryant, D Robinson 2, N Campbell, S McCombe) Anuenue 3.

Day 4: Sunset B 8 Australian Country 2 (N Bartlett, S Jacobs).

Day 5: Australian Country 7 (D Robinson 3, S Jacobs 2, S Bryant, N Campbell) Paumalu A 6.

Day 6: 5th & 6th Play-off, Hawaiian Islands 7 Australian Country 4 (S Jacobs 2, N Campbell, M Bartlett).

Final placings: Olympic, Sunset A, Sunset B, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands, Australian Country, Balmain, Paumalu, Navy AC, SET

Women:

Day 1: Australian Country 13 Bison 5.

Day 2: Hawaiian Islands 7 Australian Country 1

Day 3: Australian Country 10 Norcal 8.

Day 4: Australian Country 12 Ventura 1.

Day 5: Semifinal, Australian Country 7 Balmain 4.

Day 6: Final, Hawaiian Island 6 Australian Country 5.

Final placings: Hawaiian Islands, Australian Country, Davis, Balmain. Other placings not determined.





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